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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph as the first paragraph of the specification following the title.

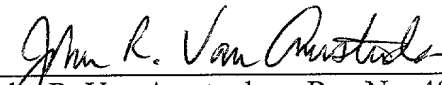
Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial number 09/347,311, entitled CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA INHIBITION, filed July 2, 1999, and now pending.

Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification to include related application information.
No new matter has been added.

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